(iii) the proximity of churches, mosques, temples, markets schools and other places of public resort;

(iv) easy approach from the main road and a reasonable distance from it;

(v) fertility of the soil;

(vi) availability of Government lands for the present buildings and prospective development; and

(vii) the public protests received; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether they will place before the House the information so collected with regard to each of those sites?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*c*) The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 72

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In answer to this question, I am referred to the answer to interpellation No. 72. Is it because the questions are the same that the answer also is the same?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The points raised are the same and the answers also are the same.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I want to know, whether the merits of the particular sites have been examined with reference to the following points *viz.*, the suitability of the locality from the standpoint of health, the absence of much habitation, the proximity of churches, mosques, temples, markets, schools and other places of public resort, easy approach from the main road and a reasonable distance from it, the fertility of the soil, availability of Government lands for the present buildings and prospective development and the public protests received. I want to know whether the answer to the previous interpellation make any reference to the last two points.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It has been stated in the answer to question No. 72, that an expert committee to enquire into the matter has been appointed. That committee will consider these points also. The committee has not yet submitted its report.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the attention of the Committee will be drawn to these points also?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): If, on a perusal of their report, it is found that these points have not been considered, they will be asked to consider these points also.

Acquisition of land for the location of the leper asylum.

63. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided to acquire land for the leper asylum in the Enathimangalam pakuthi of Kunnattur taluk;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, (i) the area, (ii) the name of the owner, and (iii) the probable cost of acquisition of the land;

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(*c*) whether in Kodumon pakuthi and in Poruvazhi pakuthi of the same taluk there are Government lands which can be used for this purpose, whether such lands were inspected by the Dewan, and the area of such lands;

(*d*) if the answer to parts (*a*) and (*c*) are in the affirmative, why it has been decided to acquire private land; and

(*e*) whether advisers to Government on Public Health have inspected the areas mentioned in (*a*) and (*c*), and, if so, their opinions regarding each of those areas as to their suitability for the purpose?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Governmnent*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 72 asked by Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.

(*c*) There are 69·32 acres of Government land in the Kodumon Pakuthi. There was no need to ascertain the area of the land in Poruvazhi pakuthi as it was reported to be quite unsuitable. The Dewan did not inspect the lands.

(*d*) In view of the above answers this question does not arise.

(*e*) Dr. Jacocks, Honorary Adviser, Public Health, inspected the site at Kodumon and he was of opinion that the site is too small for a leper settlement and that the conditions there are favourable for malaria.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have the Government received a petition from the people of Enatimangalam in regard to acquisition of the land for this purpose?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the expert committee also consider the objections raised in those petitions?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): They will.

Report of the Public Health Department regarding the location of the leper asylum.

64. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Public Health Department was asked to inspect and report about the comparative merits of Nooranad, Attingal and Edakkad for the location of the leper asylum;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same; and

(*c*) whether the Public Health Department was consulted when the question of locating the leper asylum at Kodumon was under consideration?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) A committee consisting of the Chief Engineer, the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, and Dr. Noble has been appointed to inspect the sites and suggest one for locating the leper asylum. There is thus no necessity to consult the Health Department now.

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*e*) of interpellation No. 68

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